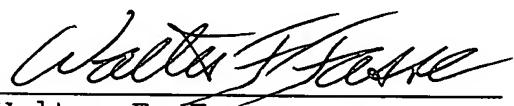


REMARKS:

This amendment merely cancels multiple-dependent claims to reduce the filing fee. After calculating the filing fee, please further enter the accompanying Second Preliminary Amendment which adds new claims 19 to 28 for examination.

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